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Proceedings.

Recording full --- of a general meeting of the Madras
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To

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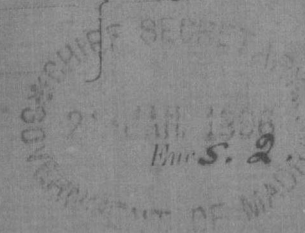
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SUBJECT.

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Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Baulu Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday the 28th October 1895, at 5 P. M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. Moore, C. I. E., *President*.
H. Ormerod, Esq.
M. R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
Covasjee Eduljee, Esq.
Haji Mahomad Abdul Hadi Badsha Sahib.
M. R. Ry. P. V. Kistnasawmy Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
V. Mahomed Sheriff, Khan Bahadur.
M. R. Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu.
J. DeCaster, Esq.
E. H. Elliot, Esq.
M. R. Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu.
M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiyar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.
R. F. Grant, Esq.
M. R. Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal.
Surgeon-Major G. L. Walker.
Surgeon-Major J. Maitland.
M. R. Ry. R. Balajee Row Avargal.

THE PRESIDENT:—I think, Gentlemen, we may as well go on. There are some questions put by Mr. Varadappa Naidu. As he is not here, let them stand over till he comes.

Disposal of Rubbish.

The first business on the agenda paper is the proceedings of the Sanitary Board referred to the Commissioners by Government. I do not know what remarks you wish to make, gentlemen, I think the best thing you can do is to say that you have already submitted proposals to Government with regard to incinerators and you are still of opinion that incineration is the best method of disposing of the rubbish, unless you are prepared to go in for a tramway for the southern section.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—What is the opinion of the Sanitary Board? Unfortunately, I have not seen the papers.

THE PRESIDENT:—They approve of incinerators for the northern portion, but they recommend tramway for the southern portion. I think myself to have two ways of disposing of the rubbish is most unsatisfactory. The great objection to the tramway is that you have to store all your rubbish until you can remove it by tramway; you will have to load it into rubbish carts, unload it, and load it again into the tramway and unload it at the rubbish depôt. Personally I am strongly opposed to the tramway system.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—Which of the two courses is likely to be cheaper.

THE PRESIDENT:—Eventually the incinerators will be cheaper, though the primary cost will be more. The total cost for the tramway is Rs. 14,45,000. The Municipal Commissioner for Bombay says:—(Here the President read the letter.)

SURGEON-MAJOR WALKER:—I think the tramway will be more expensive in the long run and will be a considerable nuisance. I beg to propose:—"that the Commissioners resolve that they are in favour of incinerators for both ends of Madras and they cannot see any advantage in a tramway for one end of the city in preference to an incinerator."

MR. R. BALAJEE RAO seconded the proposition.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I should like to know whether we should go in for a loan for the incinerators.

THE PRESIDENT:—That question of 14 lakhs is before Government and this will come out of that. Now it will be only 10 lakhs as we have borrowed four lakhs. If not, let us go into the market and pay off the whole of the Government money.

The proposition was then put and carried.

Questions and Answers.

THE PRESIDENT:—Now, I will answer the questions of Mr. Varadappah Naidu. The following are the questions and answers.

The Triplicane Tank.

Q.—Will the President be good enough to place on the table the correspondence that took place between the Municipality and the Receiver of the Parthasarathy Temple on the subject of preventing the frequent deaths that occur from drowning in the tank?

A.—Yes, (handing over a bundle of papers to him).

Q.—As new Darmakarthas are said to be appointed to the Temple and the Receiver has to give up the trust, will the President be good enough to take steps to prevent any further deaths from drowning in the tank?

A.—I will take steps to endeavour to prevent any more drownings, but I cannot guarantee that they will succeed.

The Market Question.

Q.—Have the members of the Market Committee met since the last General Meeting; if so what is the result of such a meeting; if not, why have they not met since April last; has not the President issued a notice for convening the meeting of the members of the Market Committee?

A.—Yes. The result is that a report will shortly be submitted to the Commissioners.

Garlick's Incinerator.

Q.—What is the answer received to a letter sent to Mr. Garlick by the President about the cost of the Incinerator to be built at Madras?

A.—That they were unable to give the exact cost until they were in possession of full details. An installation of 16 furnaces for Bombay, complete in every respect, was estimated to cost Rs. 2,15,856.

A Hospital for Triplicane.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next Subject is the endorsement of Government, No. 1272, dated 7th September 1895, in the Local and Municipal Department, forwarding for remarks letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras suggesting to build a new Hospital for Triplicane. There is no doubt it would be a very good thing to have a very good Hospital in Triplicane. For sometime past, I have been going into the question whether we could not buy up the land between the Royapettah Hospital and the Royapettah High Road, so as to make the present Hospital a sort of basis of a Hospital and build on the land that we take up on the pavilion system. I have not got a survey of it and it will take some time. The Surgeon-General wants a new Hospital and a new site.

MR. VARADAPPAH NAIDU:—I beg to propose "that the question be deferred pending the result of the Committee appointed to report upon the Monegar Choultry question."

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY seconded the proposition.

SURGEON-MAJOR MAITLAND:—It would be a great pity to postpone this subject. I do not see what one question has to do with the other. There is not the slightest doubt that a hospital is urgently

required at that end of the town; and it has nothing to do with the other end of the town nor the information gained as regards the other hospital will in any way help us. If we wish to carry out the desire of the Surgeon-General, we must get a new site on which we should erect a new building. The site of the present hospital is hardly satisfactory. If we take the present site we should build on it and the present building is exceedingly unsuitable, the accommodation is very insufficient and not at all suitable for the requirements of modern hospitals. I think the matter is so urgent that it would be a great pity to postpone it for any reason whatever. A number of people are sent away from that hospital because there is no room available. Some of them go to General Hospital where they have no room either, for it has reached its ultimate limit. The Government has decided that it ought never to contain more than 500 beds which limit it had reached so that we may say that there is no place where people can go from Royapettah. There is no place at the Royapettah hospital. There are about 70 beds in the north Black Town Hospital, 40 in the Royapettah hospital and 500 in General Hospital, that is a little over 600 beds for the whole of Madras population which is half a million. The hospital accommodation is absurdly small, and it is certainly one of the most urgent questions of the day to provide General hospital accommodation in larger proportion to inhabitants of Madras than we have at present. I am therefore strongly opposed to the postponement of the matter which is extremely urgent. I have no statistics to offer as to where the possible sites are. If no other site can be obtained, the site where the present hospital is situated would suffice. I say if we could get an entirely new site it will be better but still the present site would be better than no site at all and the hospital may be extended to accommodate 100 to 150 beds.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMA CHARIAR:—No one would doubt the conclusion arrived at by Dr. Maitland. The question however is not only one of site but also one of money. We cannot go on rebuilding all our hospitals and dispensaries at the same time. We can only build one at a time. The financial side of the question presents the chief difficulty in our way.

SURGEON-MAJOR WALKER:—It is entirely a question of funds. There are two objects before the Commission, and one may possibly antagonise the other. The Royapettah Hospital is a Municipal hospital for the south of Madras; and though I entirely agree with the Surgeon-Major Maitland that the building is unsuitable and inadequate for the wants of south Madras, yet I must remind the Commissioners that it has been acknowledged that the great blot upon our Municipal administration is the want of a proper hospital for north Madras. That has been recorded and appears in the Government Order on the Municipal administration report for last year. The Municipal Commissioners have already passed a resolution that a proper hospital is required for north Madras; and until that matter is disposed, unless the Municipality feel themselves able to build two hospitals at the same time, the resolution already passed by the Commissioners has the first claim for disposal upon them. I would remind you, gentlemen, that unsuitable and inadequate as the Royapettah hospital undoubtedly is, still it is a Municipal institution and it is a Municipal hospital, whereas the Municipality has no hospital in the north Madras. What is at present called a hospital has no sort of claim to that name and such medical relief as is available there does not belong to the Municipality. I do not propose to vote either way on the subject as I am greatly interested in the carrying out of the resolution that has been passed by the Commissioners, but I thought it right to make these remarks to remind the Commissioners of that resolution. It would cost a considerable sum of money to build one hospital, and if we can afford to build another hospital for the south Madras then do so by all means but do not cripple the hospital which we are about to build for north Madras by trying to build two hospitals at the same time.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I support the postponement of the subject on the ground that we have under consideration the construction of a hospital for north Madras. We have not decided as yet that we are to build a hospital for north Madras. The question of finances was brought in at the last meeting and it was decided that a Committee should meet to frame estimates and plans and then it is left for us to see whether the amount they propose is such as will be within our means.

MR. R. BALAJEE ROW:—Gentlemen, the question seems to be whether we should have another site to build a hospital for south Madras or to retain the present hospital and improve it. That question can be now decided as that will not interfere with the construction of a hospital for north Madras. The question of finances may be considered afterwards when we once decide one way or the other. The Government wanted to have another site and we ought now to decide whether the present hospital may be extended or a new site procured.

MR. M. VENKATRAMIAH CHETTY :—It seems to me that this postponement is also necessary and desirable. As Mr. Krishnamachariar has said it is undoubtedly a fact that our finances are not unlimited and we cannot therefore meet the cost of the construction of two hospitals. It is absolutely necessary that we should ascertain what we are to do for the hospital for north Madras before we take up anything else. Not only that, but it seems to me that some such thing as is suggested in the resolution of Mr. Varadappah Naidu of which he has given notice, has a greater claim upon our immediate attention than the question of these two hospitals. Disease in the Town seems to be on the increase. In Black Town there is not a house without a bed for fever patient, and small ailments like this when neglected would lead to more serious diseases and therefore medical assistance must be offered on a small scale in the different parts of the City for the purpose of preventing small illnesses from developing into serious diseases.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER :—I consider it a great pity sir, that there should be any reason prohibiting the Municipality showing its utmost concern for the suffering of the poorer classes. I think the most beneficent object on which the Municipality can spend its funds is the providing of medical relief for the poorer classes; and if by any practical means we can give effect to the recommendation of the Surgeon-General, I should for my part vote for it. The only difficulty in our way is the question of funds and if any gentlemen present here would give any information as to the approximate cost of the hospital we will then be in a position to give our decision. The Municipality cannot lose by accepting the proposition to the effect that the Municipality will accede to the request of the Surgeon-General provided the funds at their disposal permit it. When people begin to appreciate the beneficial effects of our hospitals, that we should not be able to provide them medical relief is a great pity.

THE PRESIDENT :—I think there is no doubt, gentlemen, that the Commissioners are perfectly prepared to build two hospitals for north and south Madras; and they will be glad to build even 4 hospitals if they have funds.

The proposition was put to the vote and lost by the casting vote of the President as there were 9 voting for and 9 against it.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER, then moved :—“That the Commissioners will endeavour to provide funds as early as possible for the purpose of meeting the Surgeon-General's proposal to build a new hospital, or to improve the existing one.”

This proposition was duly seconded by Mr. Cowasji Edulji and carried *nem con.*

MR. VARADAPPAH NAIDU wished to defer the consideration of a resolution of which he gave notice for establishing a dispensary in the centre of each division. This was agreed to by the Commissioners, and in this connection the President read a letter on the subject from the Surgeon-General.

The Engineer's Salary.

THE PRESIDENT :—Now we come to the consideration of an application from Mr. R. E. Ellis the Municipal Engineer, for an increase of salary. Does any gentleman propose anything on it?

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR :—This application may be recorded.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER moved “that in view of the many demands upon the Municipality this application lie over.”

MR. R. F. GRANT seconded the proposition.

SURGEON-MAJOR MAITLAND :—I think it is a pity that the matter should be dropped suddenly in this way. I should like to get some facts about his pay. I believe some Commissioners made remarks favouring his increase and I personally think that his application should be favorably disposed of, considering the good services Mr. Ellis has rendered to the Municipality.

THE PRESIDENT :—Mr. Ellis came here on Rs 750 and drew 800 in 1892. The maximum is Rs 1,000.

SURGEON-MAJOR MAITLAND :—Are there any figures for Calcutta and Bombay?

THE PRESIDENT :—In Calcutta the Municipal Engineer's pay is Rs 1,800 and in Bombay and Rangoon Rs 1,500.

SURGEON-MAJOR MAITLAND :—I propose “Mr. Ellis' salary be increased.”

THE PRESIDENT :—That is hardly an amendment, as it is a direct negative of the proposition.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR :—Are you able to tell us what salaries the Executive Engineers in D. P. W. draw? It is not more than Rs. 800, and that too after they have put in a service of upwards of 10 years.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RANGIAH NAIDU :—When there is no proposition before us to give him any increase what is all this information for?

The proposition was then put and carried.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next subject is the Proceedings of the Standing Committee dated 20th September and 4th October 1895. In the former you have certain bye-laws in regard to the Public Works Department. At present we have no power to prevent any house from being built so long as it meets with the sanitary and Engineering requirements. The main object of these bye-laws is to add the word “position” so that we may prevent a house from being built in the fashion they position. This will give us power to prevent the paracherries from springing up in the fashion they now do.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RANGIAH NAIDU proposed “that the Draft bye-laws be recommended to Government for sanction.”

MR. C. KALYANASUNDARAM CHETTIAR seconded the proposition.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMA CHARIAR :—Do they provide for preventing water from falling from one house on the next?

THE PRESIDENT :—We can prevent it under the existing Act.

The proposition was then put and carried.

THE PRESIDENT :—In the same Proceedings you have the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the application of the Ag. Health Officer for a horse allowance of Rs. 30 per month be favorably considered.

It was proposed by Mr. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar seconded by the Hon Mr. P. Rangiah Naidu and carried “that the allowance be granted.”

The Proceedings of 20th September were confirmed.

THE PRESIDENT :—The Proceedings of 4th October contain the vaccination bye-laws which are intended to consolidate 4 different charges in connection with vaccination into one. The whole charge under the proposed bye-laws would be Rs. 2 for a single case and annas 8 for every additional child vaccinated in private houses.

MR. M. VENKATRAMIAH CHETTY :—I should like to know if the charge of Rs. 2 is not prohibitive for poor people.

THE PRESIDENT :—The Standing Committee did not consider that it would be prohibitive. Those who wish to get their children vaccinated at their private houses can and ought to pay this charge. Poor people can go to the public vaccine depôts where children are vaccinated free of charge.

It was proposed by Mr. Varadappah Naidu seconded by Mr. Venkataramiah Chetty and carried “that the Draft vaccine Bye-laws be recommended to Government for sanction.”

The proceedings of 4th October were then confirmed.

Miscellaneous.

The statement of Receipts and Disbursements from April to September, 1895, and the Progress Report of Works for August and September, 1895, were recorded.

The Madras Electric Tramways.

THE PRESIDENT said that the extension granted by the Electric Tramways was up to the 20th October. He might tell them that he had gone over the line with Mr. Gadsby and the Trustees' Attorneys that morning, and in a few days the cars would run on Section II. The President then formally moved “that the following letter from the Attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture holders, Madras Electric Tramways, asking for further extension of time as regards Section II be considered” :—

MADRAS, 21st October 1895.
LIEUT.-COL. G. M. J. MOORE, C. I. E.,
President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

Madras Electric Tramways.

SIR,—We have the honour to inform you that we have completed construction of Section No. II, i. e., from Sydenham's Road to Barbers' Bridge, and that the poles and wires are in place. We are still, however, without certain appliances, such as "lightning arresters," etc., without which it is hardly safe in such weather as the present to attempt to run a continuous service, though we hope to be in a position to work some cars in a few days, till which time we must ask your indulgence.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

ARBUTHNOT AND Co.

Attorneys to the Trustees for the

Debenture Holders, M. E. T.

MR. V. VARADAPPA NAIDU seconded the proposition, which was carried.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY proposed and Mr. R. F. Grant seconded "that an extension up to 30th November 1895 be granted," and the proposition was unanimously carried.

The rest of the subjects were deferred till the next meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a GENERAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday the 28th October 1895, at 5 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT:

Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. Moore, C.I.E., *President*.
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M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalvanasundaram Chettiyar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.
R. F. Grant, Esq.
M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal.
Surgeon-Major G. L. Walker.
Surgeon-Major J. Maitland.
M.R.Ry. R. Balajee Row Avargal.

No. 1.

G.O., No. 1177 M., *Mis.*, dated 24th July 1895, forwarding, for remarks, the Proceedings of the Sanitary Board on the proposal of the Municipal Commissioners, Madras, re disposal of rubbish.

Proposed by Surgeon-Major G. L. Walker and seconded by M.R.Ry. R. Balajee Row Avargal—

"That the Commissioners resolve that they are in favour of Incinerators for both ends of Madras, as they cannot see any advantage in a Tramway for one end of the city in preference to an Incinerator."

Carried.

No. 2.

Endorsement No. 1272, dated 7th September 1895, of the Local and Municipal Department, forwarding for remarks letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras suggesting to build a New Hospital for Triplicane.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu—

"That the question be deferred pending the result of the committee appointed to report upon the Monegar Choultry question."

On the resolution being put to the meeting, there were 9 for and 9 against it. The President gave his casting vote against it.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal and seconded by Mr. Cawasjee Eduljee—

"That the Commissioners will endeavour to provide funds, as early as possible, for the purpose of meeting the Surgeon-General's proposal to build a New Hospital or to improve the existing one."

Carried.

No. 3.

Application from Mr. R. E. Ellis, Engineer, Madras Municipality, for increase of his pay.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Aiyar Avargal and seconded by Mr. R. F. Grant—

"That in view of the many demands upon the Municipality this application lie over."

Carried.

No. 4.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 20th September and 4th October 1895.

With reference to resolution No. 6 of the proceedings of 20th September 1895, the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalvanasundaram Chettiyar Avargal seconded—

"That the Draft Bye-laws be recommended to Government for sanction."

Carried.

With reference to resolution No. 8 of the proceedings of 20th September 1895, M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal proposed and the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu seconded—

"That the allowance be granted."

Carried.

The rest of the proceedings were recorded.

With reference to resolution No. 6 of the proceedings of 4th October 1895, M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu seconded—

"That the Draft Vaccine Bye-laws be recommended to Government for sanction."

Carried.

The rest of the proceedings were recorded.

No. 5.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from April to September 1895.

Recorded.

No. 6.

Progress Report of Works for August and September 1895.

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No. 7.

The President moved the following resolution of which he had given notice:—

"That letter, from the Attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture Holders, Madras Electric Tramways, asking for further extension of time as regards Section II, be considered."

M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu seconded.
Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu and seconded by Mr. R. F. Grant—

"That an extension up to 30th November 1895, be granted."

Carried:

The remaining subjects were deferred to the next General Meeting.

The Meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Office, Madras,
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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

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Madras, 20 January 1896.

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From

LIEUT.-COL. G. M. J. MOORE, C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Enclosures

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I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Government full proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held on 28th October 1895, together with abstract proceedings of the same date.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. M. J. Moore Lt. Col.

President, Munl. Commn.

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